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SUBJECT: REPLY TO COMMISSIONER USTINOV'S STATEMENT ON
MINUTEMAN SHELTERS

REFERENCE: SCC-XIII-21

1. THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD RESPOND AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME
TO THE SOVIET COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS ON THE MINUTEMAN
SHELTER ISSUE. HE SHOULD REMIND USTINOV THAT THERE IS
AGREEMENT NOT TO USE OVER ICBM SILO LAUNCHERS SHELTERS THAT
IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NTM OF COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF
INTERIM AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT WAS CONFIRMED DURING
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SCC-X. ACCORDINGLY, THE U.S. STATED AT THAT TIME THAT IT
WOULD MODIFY ITS USE OF SHELTERS OVER MINUTEMAN SILO
LAUNCHERS.

2. THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD STATE THAT SINCE THAT TIME, IN
GOOD FAITH AND AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE, THE U.S. HAS
MODIFIED ALL MINUTEMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SHELTERS. THIS MODI-

FICATION SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO THE SOVIET SIDE. THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD STATE THAT IN THE U.S. VIEW THE MODIFIED SHELTERS DO NOT IMPEDE VERIFICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

3. THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE SOVIETS USE SHELTERS OVER ICBM LAUNCHERS DURING CONSTRUCTION AND CONVERSIONS COMPARABLE TO THE MODIFIED MINUTEMAN SHELTERS. THE U.S. DOES NOT CONSIDER THESE SOVIET SHELTERS TO IMPEDE VERIFICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. VANCE

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